

Bird Checklists of the United States

Ace Basin National Wildlife Refuge



Hollywood, South Carolina

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- [Ace Basin Area Map](#)

This checklist includes all avian species which regularly occur in the 350,000 acres that constitute the Ace Basin, the lower drainage of the Ashepoo, Combahee and Edisto Rivers. Species considered extremely rare, accidental, or for which there exist no known records have been omitted. Relative status and seasonality may vary from year to year for some species.

Much of the area in the ACE Basin is privately owned and cannot be entered without permission from property owners. Public lands such as Donnelley Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Bear Island WMA, the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve and the ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge are open to the public during certain days and seasons. Birders should check with state or federal wildlife officials before visiting these areas.

Donnelley WMA, Bear Island WMA and the ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge contain upland habitats, and managed freshwater and brackish impoundments. The National Estuarine Research Reserve consists mainly of salt marsh, mud flats, barrier beaches and open water.

The ACE Basin Project is a cooperative effort among landowners and private and public conservation agencies to protect important habitats in the watershed of the Ashepoo, Combahee and Edisto (ACE) rivers including St. Helena estuary and sound.

The project area, identified as one of the highest priority regions for protection under North American Waterfowl Management Plan, encompasses 350,000 acres of marsh, swamp and upland in Beaufort, Charleston, Colleton and Hampton counties.

Administered by the ACE Basin Task Force (Private landowners, Ducks Unlimited, S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), the project has protected over 100,000 acres of diverse upland and wetland habitats.

PR = Permanent Resident

FC = Fairly Common

WR = Winter Resident

SR = Summer Resident

C = Common

U = Uncommon

R = Rare

T = Transient

LOONS, GREBES, PELICANS

STATUS

___ Red-throated Loon	FCWR
___ Common Loon	CWR
___ Pied-billed Grebe	CPR
___ Horned Grebe	UWR
___ Red-necked Grebe	RWR
___ American White Pelican	RPR
___ Brown Pelican	CPR
___ Northern Gannet	UWR
___ Double-crested Cormorant	CPR
___ Anhinga	FCPR

HERONS, BITTERNS, STORKS

STATUS

___ American Bittern	UPR
___ Least Bittern	FCPR
___ Great Blue Heron	CPR
___ Great Egret	CPR
___ Snowy Egret	CPR
___ Little Blue Heron	CPR
___ Tricolored Heron	CPR
___ Cattle Egret	CSR
___ Green-backed Heron	FCPR
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	FCPR
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	FCPR
___ White Ibis	FCPR
___ Glossy Ibis	FCPR
___ Wood Stork	FCPR

WATERFOWL

STATUS

___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	UWR
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___ Tundra Swan	UWR
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	RWR
___ Snow Goose	UWR
___ Brant Goose	RWR
___ Canada Goose	UWR
___ Wood Duck	CPR
___ Green-winged Teal	CWR
___ American Black Duck	FCWR
___ Mottled Duck	FCPR
___ Mallard	CWR
___ Northern Pintail	CWR
___ Blue-winged Teal	CWR
___ Northern Shoveler	CWR
___ Gadwall	CWR
___ Eurasian Wigeon	RWR
___ American Wigeon	CWR
___ Canvasback	FCWR
___ Redhead	UWR
___ Ring-necked Duck	CWR
___ Greater Scaup	UWR
___ Lesser Scaup	CWR
___ Oldsquaw	RWR
___ Black Scoter	CWR
___ Surf Scoter	FCWR
___ White-winged Scoter	UWR
___ Common Goldeneye	RWR
___ Bufflehead	CWR
___ Hooded Merganser	CWR
___ Common Merganser	RWR
___ Red-breasted Merganser	CWR
___ Ruddy Duck	CWR

VULTURES, HAWKS, FALCONS, EAGLES

STATUS

___ Black Vulture	CPR
___ Turkey Vulture	CPR
___ Osprey	CPR
___ Swallow-tailed Kite	USR
___ Mississippi Kite	FCSR
___ Bald Eagle	CPR
___ Northern Harrier	CWR
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	FCWR
___ Cooper's Hawk	UPR
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	CPR
___ Red-tailed Hawk	CPR
___ Golden Eagle	RWR
___ American Kestrel	CWR
___ Merlin	UWR
___ Peregrine Falcon	UWR

QUAIL, TURKEY

STATUS

___ Wild Turkey	UPR
___ Northern Bobwhite	CPR

RAILS, AVOCETS, CRANES

STATUS

___ Black Rail	USR
___ Clapper Rail	CPR
___ King Rail	FCPR
___ Virginia Rail	FCWR
___ Sora Rail	FCPR
___ Purple Gallinule	USR
___ Common Moorhen	CWR
___ American Coot	CPR
___ Sandhill Crane	RWR

PLOVERS, SANDPIPERS	STATUS
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___ Black-bellied Plover	CPR
___ Lesser Golden Plover	RT
___ Wilson's Plover	FCSR
___ Semipalmated Plover	CPR
___ Piping Plover	UWR
___ Killdeer	CPR
___ American Oystercatcher	CPR
___ Black-necked Stilt	FCSR
___ American Avocet	UWR
___ Greater Yellowlegs	CWR
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	CWR
___ Solitary Sandpiper	FCT
___ Willet	CPR
___ Spotted Sandpiper	CPR
___ Whimbrel	FCPR
___ Marbled Godwit	UWR
___ Ruddy Turnstone	CPR
___ Red Knot	FCWR
___ Sanderling	CPR
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	CT
___ Western Sandpiper	CPR
___ Least Sandpiper	CPR
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	UT
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	FCT
___ Dunlin	CPR
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	CPR
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	UWR
___ Common Snipe	CWR
___ American Woodcock	FCPR

GULLS	STATUS
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___ Laughing Gull	CPR
___ Bonaparte's Gull	CWR
___ Ring-billed Gull	CPR
___ Herring Gull	CPR
___ Glaucous Gull	RWR
___ Great Black-backed Gull	UWR

TERNs	STATUS
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___ Gull-billed Tern	FCSR
___ Caspian Tern	FCWR
___ Royal Tern	CPR

___	Sandwich Tern	FCSR
___	Common Tern	USR
___	Forster's Tern	CPR
___	Least Tern	FCSR
___	Black Tern	FCT
___	Black Skimmer	CPR

PIGEONS, DOVES	STATUS
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___	Rock Dove	CPR
___	Mourning Dove	CPR
___	Common Ground Dove	UPR

CUCKOOS	STATUS
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___	Black-billed Cuckoo	RT
___	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	CSR

OWLS	STATUS
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___	Common Barn Owl	UPR
___	Eastern Screech Owl	CPR
___	Great Horned Owl	FCPR
___	Barred Owl	CPR
___	Long-eared Owl	RWR

GOATSUCKERS	STATUS
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___	Common Nighthawk	CSR
___	Chuck-will's widow	CSR
___	Whip-poor-will	UWR

SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS, KINGFISHERS	STATUS
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___	Chimney Swift	CSR
___	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	CSR
___	Belted Kingfisher	CPR

WOODPECKERS	STATUS
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___	Red-headed Woodpecker	FCPR
___	Red-bellied Woodpecker	CPR
___	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	FCWR
___	Downy Woodpecker	CPR
___	Hairy Woodpecker	UPR
___	Northern Flicker	FCPR
___	Pileated Woodpecker	FCPR

FLYCATCHERS	STATUS
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___	Eastern Wood-Pewee	CSR
___	Acadian Flycatcher	CSR

___ Eastern Phoebe	CWR
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	CSR
___ Western Kingbird	RWR
___ Eastern Kingbird	CSR

LARKS	STATUS
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___ Horned Lark	RWR
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SWALLOWS	STATUS
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___ Purple Martin	CSR
___ Tree Swallow	CWR
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	CSR
___ Bank Swallow	UT
___ Cliff Swallow	UT
___ Barn Swallow	CSR

JAYS, CROWS	STATUS
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___ Blue Jay	CPR
___ American Crow	CPR
___ Fish Crow	CPR

TITMICE, NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS	STATUS
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___ Carolina Chickadee	CPR
___ Tufted Titmouse	CPR
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	UWR
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	FCPR
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	CPR
___ Brown Creeper	UWR

WRENS	STATUS
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___ Carolina Wren	CPR
___ House Wren	CWR
___ Winter Wren	FCWR
___ Sedge Wren	FCWR
___ Marsh Wren	CPR

KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS	STATUS
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___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	FCWR
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	CWR
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	CPR

MIMIC THRUSHES, THRUSHES	STATUS
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___ Eastern Bluebird	CPR
___ Veery	FCT
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	UT
___ Swainson's Thrush	FCT

___ Hermit Thrush	CWR
___ Wood Thrush	FCSR
___ American Robin	CWR
___ Gray Catbird	FCWR
___ Northern Mockingbird	CPR
___ Brown Thrasher	CPR

PIPITS, WAXWINGS, SHRIKES, STARLINGS	STATUS
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___ Water Pipit	FCWR
___ Cedar Waxwing	CWR
___ Loggerhead Shrike	FCPR
___ European Starling	UPR

VIREOS	STATUS
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___ White-eyed Vireo	CPR
___ Solitary Vireo	FCWR
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	FCSR
___ Red-eyed Vireo	CSR

WOOD WARBLERS	STATUS
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___ Blue-winged Warbler	RT
___ Golden-winged Warbler	RT
___ Tennessee Warbler	RT
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	FCWR
___ Northern Parula	CSR
___ Yellow Warbler	CT
___ Magnolia Warbler	UT
___ Cape May Warbler	FCT
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	CT
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	CWR
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	UT
___ Blackburnian Warbler	RT
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	CPR
___ Pine Warbler	CPR
___ Prairie Warbler	FCPR
___ Palm Warbler	CWR
___ Blackpoll Warbler	FCT
___ Black-and-white Warbler	FCWR
___ American Redstart	CT
___ Prothonotary Warbler	FCSR
___ Worm-eating Warbler	UT
___ Swainson's Warbler	USR
___ Ovenbird	FCT
___ Northern Waterthrush	CT
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	UT
___ Kentucky Warbler	FCSR
___ Common Yellowthroat	CPR
___ Hooded Warbler	CSR
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	CPR

TANAGERS	STATUS
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___ Summer Tanager	CSR
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___ Scarlet Tanager	UT
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BUNTINGS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS	STATUS
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___ Northern Cardinal	CPR
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	RT
___ Blue Grosbeak	FCSR
___ Indigo Bunting	CSR
___ Painted Bunting	CSR
___ Rufous-sided Towhee	CPR

SPARROWS	STATUS
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___ Bachman's Sparrow	FCPR
___ Chipping Sparrow	CPR
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	RWR
___ Field Sparrow	CPR
___ Vesper Sparrow	CWR
___ Lark Sparrow	RWR
___ Savannah Sparrow	CWR
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	FCWR
___ Henslow's Sparrow	UWR
___ LeConte's Sparrow	UWR
___ Sharp-tailed Sparrow	CWR
___ Seaside Sparrow	CPR
___ Fox Sparrow	FCWR
___ Song Sparrow	CWR
___ Swamp Sparrow	CWR
___ White-throated Sparrow	CWR
___ White-crowned Sparrow	RWR
___ Dark-eyed Junco	CWR

MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS	STATUS
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___ Bobolink	CT
___ Red-winged Blackbird	CPR
___ Eastern Meadowlark	CPR
___ Rusty Blackbird	CWR
___ Brewer's Blackbird	UWR
___ Boat-tailed Grackle	CPR
___ Common Grackle	CPR
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	CPR
___ Orchard Oriole	CSR
___ Northern Oriole	FCWR

FINCHES	STATUS
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___ Purple Finch	FCWR
___ House Finch	UWR
___ Pine Siskin	FCWR
___ American Goldfinch	CWR
___ Evening Grosbeaks	UWR
___ House Sparrow	CPR

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